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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2007, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on December 24, 2007. The United States Patent and Trademark Office was closed on December 24, 2007 and December 25, 2007, as official "Federal Holiday[s] within the District of Columbia." This response is being filed on the day immediately following those holidays. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims and to further examine the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.